

and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

**George W. Bush**

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**Executive Order 13437—Waiver Under the Trade Act of 1974 With Respect to Turkmenistan**

*June 28, 2007*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 402(c)(2) and (d) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act”)(19 U.S.C. 2432(c)(2) and (d)), and having made the report to the Congress set forth in section 402(c)(2), I hereby waive the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to Turkmenistan.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
June 28, 2007.

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**Presidential Determination Under Section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974—Turkmenistan**

*June 28, 2007*

Presidential Determination No. 2007–24

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Presidential Determination Under Section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974—Turkmenistan

Pursuant to section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–618), as

amended (the “Act”), I determine that a waiver by Executive Order of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to Turkmenistan will substantially promote the objectives of section 402.

On my behalf, please transmit this determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Waiver on the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Status for Turkmenistan**

*June 28, 2007*

*Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, with respect to a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of that Act to Turkmenistan.

I report in that document my determination that such a waiver will substantially promote the objectives of section 402. I have instructed the Secretary of State to provide a copy of that determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The report also indicates that I have received assurances with respect to the emigration practices of Turkmenistan required by section 402(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on June 29.

**Presidential Determination To Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006, as Carried Forward Under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, With Respect to Pakistan**

June 28, 2007

Presidential Determination No. 2007-23

*Memorandum for the Secretary of State*

*Subject:* Presidential Determination to Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006, as carried forward under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, with respect to Pakistan

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 534(j) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (the "Act") (Public Law 109-102), as carried forward under the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Public Law 110-5) (the "Continuing Resolution"), and Public Law 107-57, as amended, I hereby determine and certify, with respect to Pakistan, that a waiver of section 508 of the Act, as carried forward under the Continuing Resolution:

- (a) would facilitate the transition to democratic rule in Pakistan; and
- (b) is important to United States efforts to respond to, deter, or prevent acts of international terrorism.

Accordingly, I hereby waive, with respect to Pakistan, section 508 of such Act, as carried forward by the Continuing Resolution.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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**Message on the Observance of Independence Day, 2007**

June 29, 2007

I send greetings to Americans everywhere celebrating Independence Day.

Two hundred thirty-one years ago, 56 brave men signed their names to a bold creed of freedom that set the course of our Nation and changed the history of the world. On this anniversary, we remember the great courage and conviction of our Founders, and we celebrate the enduring principles of our Declaration of Independence.

Through selfless sacrifice and unrelenting determination, the patriots of the American Revolution ensured that our Nation's claim to liberty and equality would not be dismissed or forgotten. The ideals they fought for and the country they helped establish are lasting symbols of hope to the entire world.

Our commitment to America's founding truths remains steadfast. We believe that freedom is a blessing from the Almighty and the birthright of every man and woman. As our Nation faces new challenges, we are answering history's call with confidence that our legacy of freedom will always prevail. On Independence Day, we express our gratitude to the generations of courageous Americans who have defended us and those who continue to serve in our country's hour of need, and we celebrate the liberty that makes America a light to the nations.

Laura and I wish you a Happy Fourth of July. May God bless you, and may He bless our wonderful country.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary released a Spanish language version of this message. An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.